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SUBJECT: WATCH TARIFFS

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE RUMORS REPORTED IN REF A WITH LOERKE, THE EC COMMISSION'S US DESK OFFICER AND BESELER, WHO IS CHIEF OF THE COMMISSION DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE PROTECTIVE ACTIONS. BOTH OF THEM SAY THEY ARE COMPLETELY IGNORANT OF ANY EFFORTS TO RAISE COMMUNITY DUTIES ON WATCHES AND WATCH PARTS. BESELER NOTES THAT EVEN IF SUCH A REQUEST, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR ARTICLE 19 SAFEGUARD ACTION, HAD NOT OFFICIALLY REACHED THE COMMISSION, HE WOULD HAVE HAD WIND OF IT. BOTH OFFICIALS DID NOTE THAT THERE IS DISTRESS IN THE EUROPEAN WATCH INDUSTRY AND LOERKE ALSO SAID THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MEETINGS BETWEEN THE EC AND SWISS WATCH INDUSTRY, WITH THE SWISS INDUSTRY PROPOSING THAT THE EC AND SWITZERLAND ADOPT A UNIFIED POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS ON WATCHES IN THE MTNS.
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